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Examiner: Mercado, Julian A.

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Remarks

The following remarks are submitted in response to the Office Action of the Examiner mailed September 13, 2002, setting a three-month shortened statutory period for response ending December 13, 2002. Claims 1-55 remain pending in the application. Entry of this response, reconsideration, and allowance of all pending claims are respectfully requested.

On page 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 48 and 54 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Seefeldt et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,736,430). The Examiner states Seefeldt et al. suggest providing a first wafer [18], forming pump-out ports [62] therethrough and making a recess in a first side of a second wafer [8], (col. 4 line 65 et seq.). (Emphasis Added by Applicants). The Examiner cites in particular to Figures 7 and 11 of Seefeldt et al.



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